

We claim:

1. A contact bank (112, 212, 312, 412, 512) which can be terminated, or is terminated, at at least one terminal module (110, 210, 310, 410, 510) serving for signal communication and being adapted to allow telecommunications lines to be connected therewith, or at at least one supplementary module (526), of a telecommunications distribution point, which is connected to a terminal module (110, 210, 310, 410, 510), the contact bank (112, 212, 312, 412, 512) further being mountable or mounted in the telecommunications distribution point, said contact bank including:
 - a plurality of tapping contacts directly and permanently electrically connected to the contacts (40, 40', 42, 42', 530) of the module (110, 210, 310, 410, 510, 526) in the terminated condition of said contact bank (112, 212, 312, 412, 512),
 - a smaller number of outlet contacts than of tapping contacts,
 - a plurality of remote-controllable switches for selectively electrically connecting said outlet contacts to said tapping contacts, and
 - a control device for controlling the plurality of switches.
2. The contact bank as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one tapping contact is connected with a circuit (70) including a permanent connection (72) with the tapping contact and a single line switch (74), both the permanent connection (72) and the line switch (74) being connected with a mode switch (76), the mode switch (76) being connectable with at least one outlet contact.
3. The contact bank as set forth in claim 1 or 2, wherein it includes at least one overvoltage protection component (526).
4. The contact bank as set forth in any of the preceding claims, wherein it includes at least one splitter assembly.

5. The contact bank as set forth in at least one of the preceding claims, wherein it is configured in a retrofittable manner.
6. The contact bank as set forth in at least one of the preceding claims, wherein it has a housing with at least one opening (524).
7. The contact bank as set forth in at least one of the preceding claims, wherein it has a practically frame-shaped housing.
8. The contact bank as set forth in at least one of the preceding claims, wherein it has a partitioned housing.
9. The contact bank as set forth in at least one of the preceding claims, wherein it includes at least one plug (528) having tapping contacts.
10. The contact bank as set forth in claim 9, wherein said plug (528) further has at least one functional component, preferably an overvoltage protection.
11. A measurement arrangement including at least one contact bank (112, 212, 312, 412, 512) as set forth in at least one of the preceding claims, and at least one test device (320, 420).
12. The measurement arrangement as set forth in claim 11, wherein the test device is a measuring means (320, 420).
13. The measurement arrangement as set forth in claim 12, wherein the measuring means (320, 420) is a measuring head.
14. The measurement arrangement as set forth in any of claims 11 to 13, wherein at least two tapping contacts and/or at least two contact banks (112, 212, 312, 412, 512) are connected with the test device (320, 420) via a connecting structure including at least one testbus (622).
15. The measurement arrangement as set forth in claim 14, further comprising a fieldbus as a communications bus.

16. The measurement arrangement as set forth in claim 15, wherein the fieldbus is a CAN bus.
17. The measurement arrangement as set forth in claim 15, wherein the fieldbus is selected from the group consisting of a DIN-measurement bus, an interbus-C, a bitbus, an interbus-S, a profibus, a P-NET and an ethernet.
18. The measurement arrangement as set forth in any of claims 12 to 17, wherein the testbus (622) is connected with the tapping contacts and/or the contact banks (112, 212, 312, 412, 512) by at least two stub wires (6), each associated with a tapping contact or a contact bank (112, 212, 312, 412, 512) to be tested and electrically connected or connectable with the testbus (622), further including at least one primary switch (36), which is adapted to disconnect at least one stub wire (36) from the testbus (622).
19. The measurement arrangement as set forth in claim 18, wherein secondary stub wires (8) are electrically connected or connectable with the stub wire (6), at least one of which is disconnectable from the stub wire (6) by means of a secondary switch (34).
20. The measurement arrangement as set forth in claim 18 or 19, wherein at least one switch (36) is provided at a connection point of the stub wire (6) with the testbus (622) and another stub wire respectively.
21. The measurement arrangement as set forth in any of claims 18 to 20, wherein at least one switch (34, 36) is remotely controllable.
22. The measurement arrangement as set forth in any of claims 11 to 21, wherein it has a delivery interface in the form of terminal contacts, of a radio or infrared interface.
23. A terminal module (110, 210, 310, 410, 510), an isolating module or supplementary module, in particular a telecommunications overvoltage protection magazine (526) including at least one contact bank (112, 212, 312, 412, 512) as set forth in at least one of claims 1 to 10, or including a measurement arrangement as set forth in any of claims 11 to 22.

24. The module as set forth in claim 23, wherein it includes isolating contacts having at least one parting location.
25. The module as set forth in claim 24, wherein the parting location includes a line switch, the line switch and the tapping contact of the contact bank being connected with a mode switch, the mode switch being connectable with at least one outlet contact.
26. The module as set forth in claim 24 or 25, wherein at least one of said parting locations can be actuated by means of a remote-controllable switch (44, 46, 64, 66).
27. The contact bank as set forth in any of claims 1 to 10, wherein at least one switch (44, 46, 50, 52, 64, 66) is configured electronically or electromechanically.
28. The measurement arrangement according to any of claims 11 to 22, wherein at least one switch (44, 46, 50, 52, 64, 66) is configured electronically or electromechanically.
29. The terminal module as set forth in any of claims 23 to 26, wherein at least one switch (44, 46, 50, 52, 64, 66) is configured electronically or electromechanically.
30. The contact bank, as set forth in claim 27, wherein at least one switch is a relay.
31. The measurement arrangement as set forth in claim 28, wherein at least one switch is a relay.
32. The module as set forth in claim 29, wherein at least one switch is a relay.
33. The contact bank as set forth in any of claims 1 to 10, wherein at least one switch is a semiconductor device.
34. The measurement arrangement according to any of claims 11 to 22, wherein at least one switch is a semiconductor device.
35. The module as set forth in any of claims 23 to 26, wherein at least one switch is a semiconductor device.

36. A telecommunications assembly including a plurality of modules as set forth in any of claims 23 to 26, 29, 32 or 35.
37. The telecommunications assembly as set forth in claim 36, wherein the assembly is located in a main distribution frame.